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Marine Corps Constitution and Consolidation of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defense Equipment (NBCDE)

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PURPOSE:

To obtain ACMC clarification of MROC Decision to establish a Consolidated Storage Facility (CSF) for NBCD Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at MCB Quantico.

MROC Decision Memorandum 67-2003:

"…MCB Quantico will be added as a site to support Marine Corps National Capital Region (MCNCR) NBCDE requirements."

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AGENDA

- ORIENTATION
- ASSUMPTIONS
- CONOPS
- COURSES OF ACTION
- RECOMMENDATION

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Area of Operations

- MCB Quantico - includes MCAF
- Henderson Hall
- Marine Barracks, Washington DC

Areas of Interest

- Washington Naval Yard
- US Naval Academy
- Andrews AFB (HMX-1 Marines)
- I&I DC Marines
- Bowling AFB
- Pentagon Reservation (HQMC, AR Division, etc.)
- Capitol Hill
- DIA
- Local civilian law enforcement (informational exchange

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ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There will be centralized management and maintenance of NBCD equipment in the Marine Corps National Capital Region Command (MCNCRC).

2. During a crisis inside the beltway, Marines and civilian Marine Corps personnel will use commercial escape gear to depart the area.

3. Requirements for a post-escape NBCD capability includes First Responders in the MCNCRC area of operations (AO); Bravo Company, Marine Barracks Washington DC (MBks, Wash DC); and MCB Quantico Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD).

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ASSUMPTIONS (Cont):

4. Only Marine Corps Fire Fighters, EOD and Chemical Biological Incident Response Force are currently equipped with NBCDE to operate in a contaminated environment.

5. All Marine Corps Military Police will continue to be outfitted with a commercial NBCD ensemble (currently, escape gear only) through PPO/PS initiative.

6. Commanding General MCNCRC, as the Marine Corps Service Component Commander to the Joint Forces Headquarters –National Capital Region (JFHQ-NCR) will be tasked to provide additional forces with NBCD capabilities.

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ASSUMPTIONS (Cont.):

7. During a crisis, Marines, with a follow-on mission, located inside the “beltway,” will need quick access to NBCD equipment.

8. MCB Quantico/MCCDC will continue issuing the required NBCD equipment to individuals deploying from the NCR in support of operational requirements, while maintaining a relative steady state inventory at the CSF’s.

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The CONOPS for an NBCD Consolidated Storage Facility (CSF)

in the MCNCRC is to provide ready access of PPE for:

- The Immediate Reaction Force (IRF) (MBks Washington DC)
- Provisional Reaction Force (MCNCRC Reserve)
- Military Police (MP)
- MCAF Crash Fire Rescue (sustained decontamination operations)
- Other JFHQ-NCR Requirements (as directed by the Secretary of Defense)
- IA (active duty & reserve) augmentation of operating forces

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Initial Estimates of MCNCRC

NBCD PPE CSF Requirements

MCB Quantico site:	1050
Henderson Hall Site:	100
Marine Barracks, Washington Site:	250
TOTAL:	1400

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The following Courses Of Action (COAs) were identified to satisfy the requirements.

COA 1: Establish a CSF at MCB Quantico.

COA 2: Establish a CSF at MCB Quantico and “satellite” storage facilities at MBks Wash and Henderson Hall.

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COA 1

Establish a CSF at MCB Quantico to store NBCD PPE for MCNCRC Marines to provide for all operational requirements; for the employment of additional forces requiring an NBCD capability; and to fulfill personnel requirements in support of operating forces.

- **PRO:** Centralized storage and management of all MCNCRC NBCD PPE.

- **CON:** Location at MCB Quantico makes access to the equipment during a crisis difficult for those Marines located inside the “Beltway”.

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COA 2

Establish a CSF at MCB Quantico to store NBCD PPE for potential, though currently unassigned missions, operational and IA requirements, and establish “satellite” storage facilities at MBks Wash and Henderson Hall, (under the responsibility of the contractor managing the CSF at MCB Quantico), to allow ready access to NBCD equipment inside the “beltway.

- **PRO:** Provides the advantages of centralized control and maintenance at 3 locations; and quick access to NBCD PPE in the MCNCRC AO.
- **CON:** Increased cost to to maintain and store NBCD PPE at multiple “satellite” storage facilities.

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RECOMMENDATION:

COA 2 enhances access to NBCD PPE in the MCNCRC AO while remaining in line with the MROC guidance of consolidated storage and maintenance.